GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL PETROL/DIESEL OUTLETS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that some petrol and diesel outlets are operating illegally in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of the Union Government that some of the State Governments have issued licences to petty dealers and utility pumps for retailing petrol/diesel in the rural areas;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the action taken/being taken by the Union Government against the illegal petrol/diesel retail outlets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (e) : Yes, Sir. Government have received reports of the existence of petty dealers or barrel storage points for retailing diesel/petrol in rural areas. Some State Governments such as Bihar, Chattisgarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal have issued licences for petty dealers or barrel storage points for retailing diesel/petrol in rural areas. As these are not in consonance with the provisions of Motor Spirit & High Speed Diesel Control Order, 2005, the State Governments have been asked to take necessary steps to identify and close such unauthorized pumps. With a view to meet the demand of agricultural sector in rural areas, the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have been asked to set up low cost retail outlets in rural areas on commercial considerations. OMCs are setting up low cost retail outlets in rural areas like, Kisan Seva Kendra by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Hamara Pump by Hinduatan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. and Rural Outlet by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.